

Friends of the Salem Free Public Library Membership/Donation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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Membership Dues (please circle one):

Benefactor \$100

Patron \$75 Donor \$50

Family \$20 Individual \$10 Senior \$5

I am (please circle): able/unable

to help with Friends' events and programs.

Donation: \$_____

Please make checks payable to:

**The Friends of the Salem Free Public Library
264 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06420**

The Friends of the Salem Free Public Library is
a 501C(3) non-profit

The History of the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library

The Friends of the Salem Free Public Library was founded in 1990 in a Salem living room with the purpose of providing support for the Salem Library. For years, the Salem Friends raised funds and awareness with the goal of building a new library. The Friends spearheaded the effort and the new library opened in 2004. The Salem Friends work with the Library Board and Director to keep the collection current, fund programs, and support new initiatives. The Friends work in cooperation with the local community to raise library awareness and to fundraise.

Awards and recognition for the Friends of the
Salem Free Public Library and Volunteers:

Salem Unsung Heroes:

2006 & 2010

Friends of Connecticut Libraries:

2003, 2004, & 2007

Contact Information

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Friends of the Salem Free Public Library



Join us to make a difference!

**Proudly Serving
The Salem Library
Since 1990**

Friends of Salem Free Public Library: Who We Are

The Friends of the Salem Free Public Library (FOSL) is a non-profit, 501C(3), volunteer organization devoted to supporting Salem's library. We achieve our goals in the following ways:

- Funding innovative library programs
- Financing collection development
- Purchasing museum passes
- Fundraising & volunteerism
- Supporting educational initiatives
- Raising the community's awareness of how the library enriches the quality of life in Salem, Connecticut

Library Programs

The Friends fund a number of programs that are open to the public throughout the year, including:

- Musical groups
- Speakers and lectures
- Storytime for preschoolers
- Summer & Winter Reading
- Hands-on enrichment

Fundraising

We are extremely proud of our annual Used Book Sale, held the last weekend in October at the Salem School. With over 20,000 sorted and categorized books, as well as handmade knitted and quilted items donated by the Salem Knitters and the Clamshell Quilters, the sale is the primary funding source for the Friends.

In addition, each Spring the Friends sponsor a very successful plant and used book sale fundraiser at the Salem Free Public Library.

~FOSL also relies on Membership Dues, Donations, and Volunteer Support~

Financial Support

The Friends provide financial support to the library in many ways, including:

- Building the library collection
- Purchasing the library's selection of museum passes
- Funding enrichment programming
- Administering donated funds

Community Awareness

The Friends want people to enjoy using the library, recognize and acknowledge its value to our community, and provide support to keep it running smoothly. We continually seek opportunities to work with other town organizations.

Some initiatives include:

- Participating in the annual Memorial Day Parade
- Reaching out to groups such as school teachers and seniors
- Working with Scouts, Salem School, and other local non-profits Supporting the Salem Library Board